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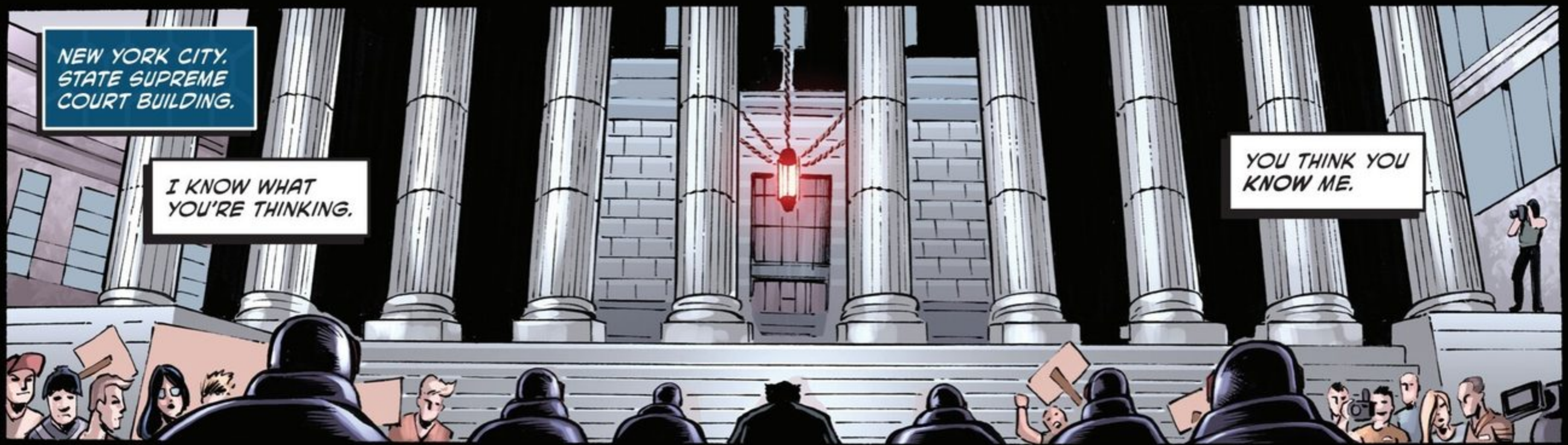
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NEW YORK CITY.
STATE SUPREME
COURT BUILDING.

I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE THINKING.

YOU THINK YOU
KNOW ME.



YOU TAKE ONE LOOK
AND PRESUME TO HAVE
FIGURED OUT MY STORY.

DISTRICT
ATTORNEY
HALE!



SIR, HOW DO
YOU RESPOND TO THE
MULTIPLE CHARGES OF
EXCESSIVE FORCE BEING
LEVELED AGAINST YOUR
NEWLY APPOINTED TASK
FORCE, THE SO-CALLED
"FOOT PATROL"?

INCLUDING REPORTS
THAT THEY'RE
DISPROPORTIONATELY
TARGETING *MUTANTS*?



I WON'T BE
TAKING ANY
QUESTIONS AT
THIS TIME.

OR
EVER.

DISPERSE
THIS MOB.

GUY LIKE ME... YOU FIGURE
MUST'VE BEEN PICKED
ON WHEN HE WAS A KID.



THAT'S WHAT THIS
IS ABOUT, RIGHT?

THE BULLIED KID FINALLY
HAVING THE POWER.



BUT YOU PEOPLE DON'T
KNOW THE FIRST DAMN
THING ABOUT ME.

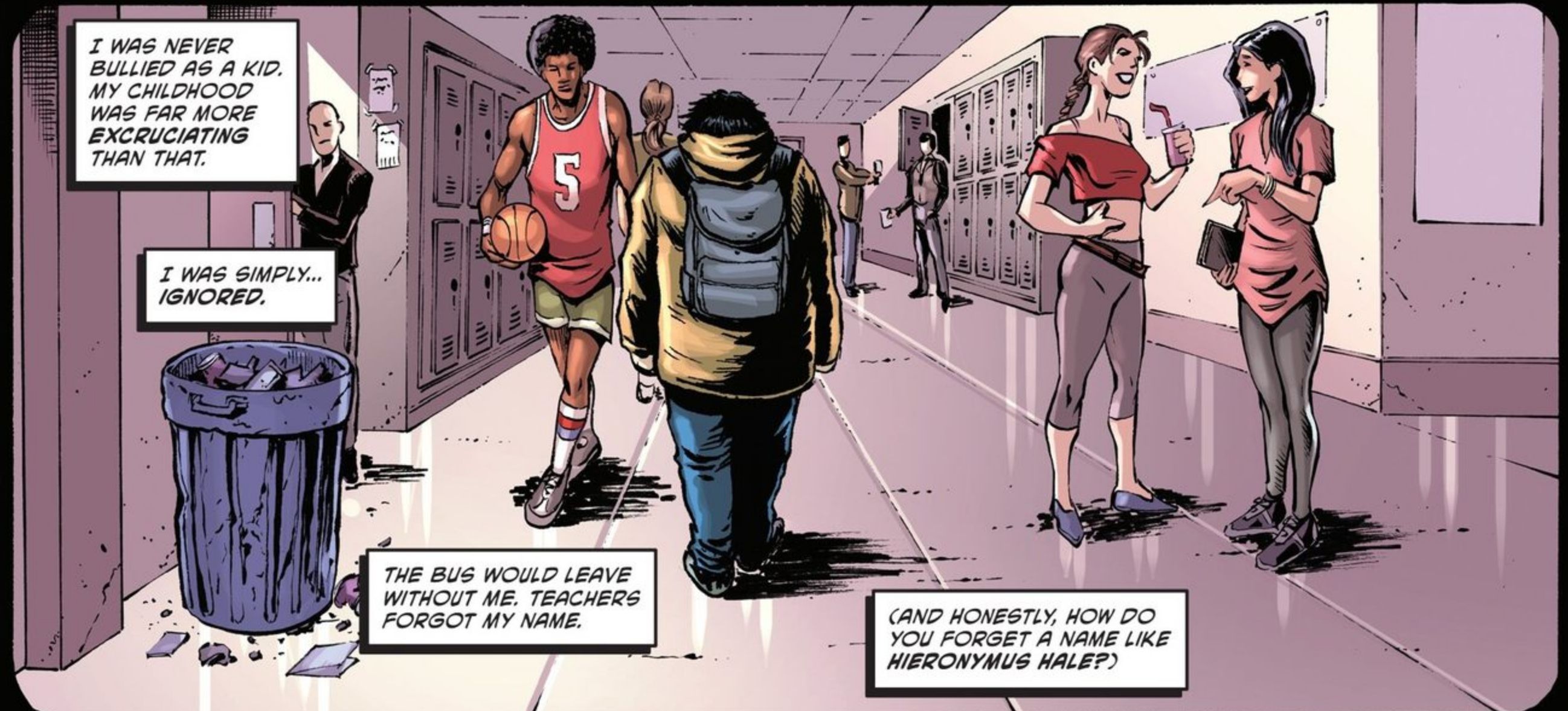
NO ONE DOES.

NO LIVING SOUL IN THIS
WHOLE GODFORSOKEN CITY.

BUT YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
LEARN.

GUMGH!

ARGH!

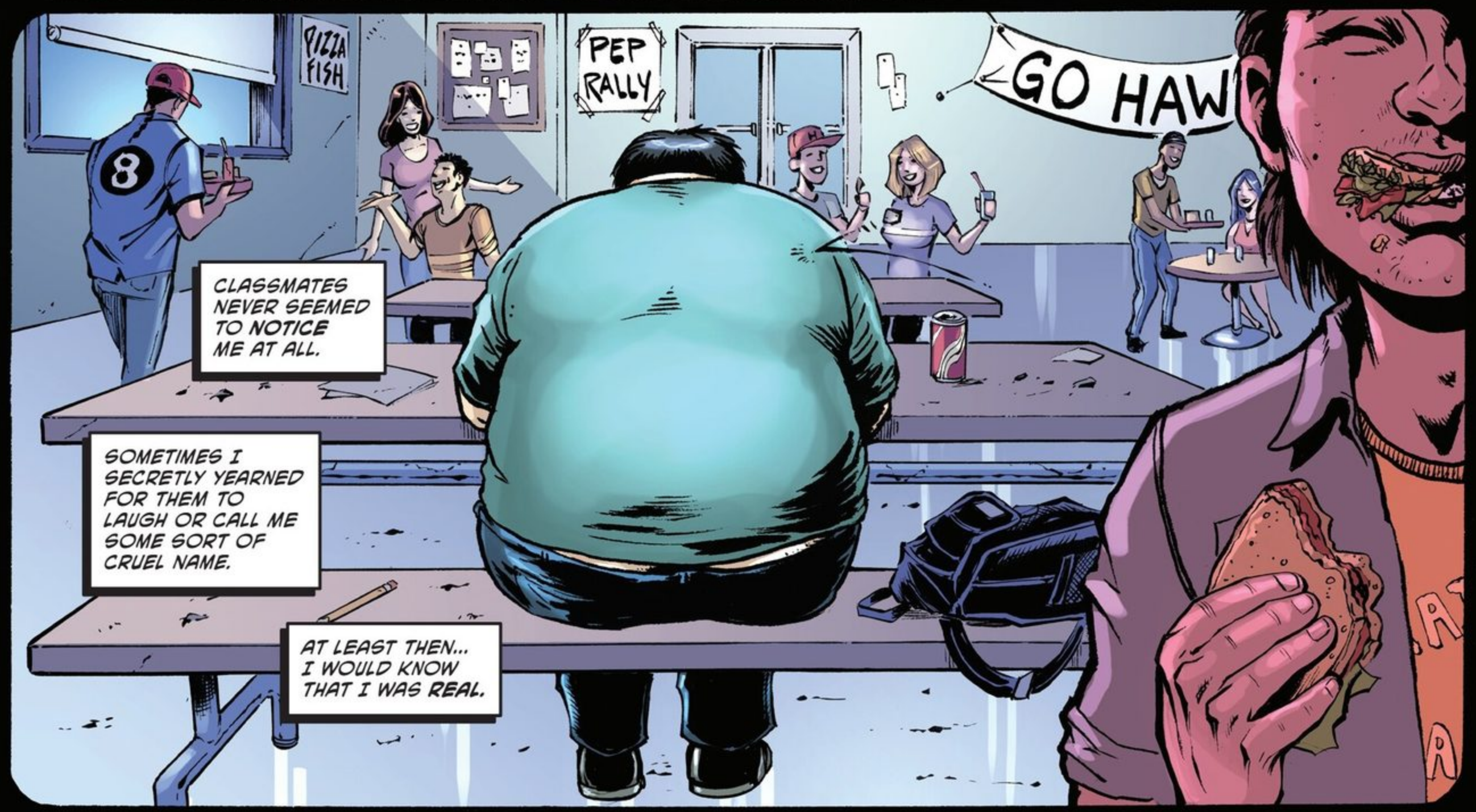


I WAS NEVER
BULLIED AS A KID.
MY CHILDHOOD
WAS FAR MORE
EXCRUCIATING
THAN THAT.

I WAS SIMPLY...
IGNORED.

THE BUS WOULD LEAVE
WITHOUT ME. TEACHERS
FORGOT MY NAME.

(AND HONESTLY, HOW DO
YOU FORGET A NAME LIKE
HIERONYMUS HALE?)



CLASSMATES
NEVER SEEMED
TO NOTICE
ME AT ALL.

SOMETIMES I
SECRETLY YEARNED
FOR THEM TO
LAUGH OR CALL ME
SOME SORT OF
CRUEL NAME.

AT LEAST THEN...
I WOULD KNOW
THAT I WAS REAL.



BUT I NEVER CRIED OR RAN
TO SOME THERAPIST TO
BLATHER ABOUT MY FEELINGS.

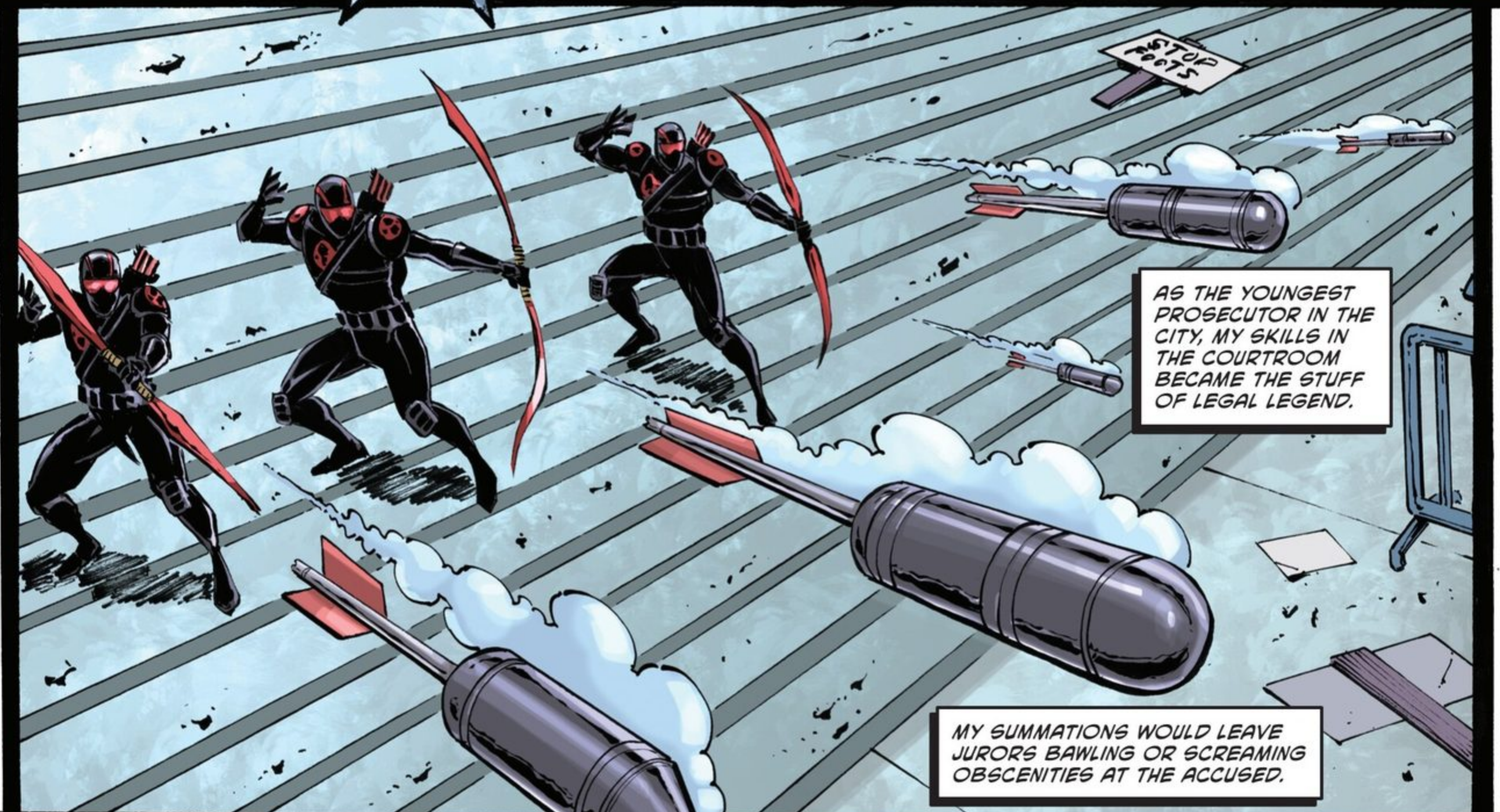
I USED MY SUFFERING.
TO TOUGHEN MYSELF.

I SWORE THAT NO
MATTER WHAT IT
TOOK, SOMEDAY I
WOULD GIVE THE
WORLD NO CHOICE
BUT TO SEE ME.



I ROARED THROUGH
LAW SCHOOL.
HUMILIATING ONE
PROFESSOR AFTER
ANOTHER WITH MY
RAZOR-SHARP
DEBATE SKILLS.

I WAS LIKE A WOLF, MUZZLED SINCE BIRTH,
FINALLY UNLEASHING A LIFETIME OF HOWLS.



AS THE YOUNGEST
PROSECUTOR IN THE
CITY, MY SKILLS IN
THE COURTROOM
BECAME THE STUFF
OF LEGAL LEGEND.

MY SUMMATIONS WOULD LEAVE
JURORS BAWLING OR SCREAMING
OBSCENITIES AT THE ACCUSED.



AFTER ONE
PARTICULARLY
VIRULENT
CLOSING
ARGUMENT...

...THE JUDGE
ACTUALLY
STOOD UP AND
APPLAUDED.

AND YET THE WORLD
STILL FOUND WAYS TO
TURN ITS BACK TO ME.

THE OTHER
PROSECUTORS
WERE INTIMIDATED.
MY BOSSES FELT
THREATENED.

THE PUBLIC WAS
STILL TOO LOST, TOO
WEAK TO CARE
ABOUT MY VICTORIES
IN THE COURTROOM.

D.A. HALE...
WE JUST...WE
WANTED TO SAY...
CONGRATULATIONS
ON THE ELECTION
AND--

TOO
LATE.

GET OUT.
YOU'RE ALL
FIRED.

AFTER EVERYTHING
I'D OVERCOME, I
STILL FOUND
MYSELF FEELING
SLIGHTED AND
IGNORED. EXCEPT...

EXCEPT
AT HOME.

RONNIE!

HON, OUR
RONNIE'S
HOME!

TELL US
WHAT YOU'VE
BEEN UP TO,
SON!

TELL US
ABOUT ALL THE
BIG TRIALS
YOU'VE WON!

MY PARENTS SAVED
EVERY MENTION OF
ME FROM THE PAPER.
BRAGGED ABOUT MY
EXPLOITS TO THEIR
FRIENDS. THEY WERE
MY BIGGEST FANS.

I WAS SO PROUD
WHEN ON THE MEAGER
SALARY OF A PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, I WAS
ABLE TO BUY THEM A
NEW APARTMENT
UPTOWN.

FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN THEIR
LIVES, THEY FELT
RICH, THEY SAID.

SOMEONE ELSE MUST'VE
THOUGHT SO TOO.

OH
GOD.

POLICE CALLED
IT A ROBBERY
GONE WRONG.

I KNEW MY PARENTS.
THEY WERE TOUGH
PEOPLE WHO NEVER
BIT THEIR TONGUE.

HELL'S KITCHEN
BORN AND BRED.

THEY PROBABLY SAID
SOMETHING, STOOD
UP TO THE ROBBER.

AND DIED
FOR IT.

THE WEAK DEVOUR
THE STRONG THESE
DAYS. THAT'S HOW
BACKWARDS THIS
CITY HAS BECOME.

THE ONLY
DESCRIPTION
THEY HAD OF
MY PARENTS'
KILLER...



"...WAS THAT HE
LOOKED LIKE
AN ANIMAL!"



YOU BELIEVE
THAT? WHAT
HAS THIS CITY
COME TO?

I MEAN, YOU
SHOULD HEAR
THE STORIES THEY
TELL DOWN AT
THE JAIL.

YOU GOT
TURTLES RUNNING
AROUND LIKE THEY'RE
PEOPLE! GIVE ME
A BREAK!



PAL, I THINK
YOU'VE HAD
ENOUGH.

AND I DON'T BELIEVE A
WORD OF WHAT THEY SAY ON
THE NEWS. ALL THAT NONSENSE
ABOUT *MUTAGEN BOMBS*.
MAKES IT SOUND LIKE THEM
MUTANTS DIDN'T HAVE A
CHOICE, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHAT WE
DO FOR *FREAKS*
THESE DAYS. WE
MAKE EXCUSES FOR
WEAKNESS!



BUDDY,
YOU SHOULD
REALLY--

I MEAN HOW WEAK
A PERSON DO YOU
GOTTA BE, TO GIVE IN
AND *LET* YOURSELF
BECOME AN
ANIMAL!

PAL,
SERIOUSLY,
YOU NEED
TO--

AND THEN TO
WALK AROUND LIKE
YOU'RE ACTUALLY
PROUD OF IT! *SHEESH*!
TALK ABOUT YOUR
PATHETIC *LOSERS*,
AM I RIGHT?

PAL!



WHAT?!

UM.
NEVERMIND.

THEN SHUT UP
AND POUR ME
ANOTHER!

SURE.
YOU'RE ABOUT
TO *NEED* IT.





MR. HALE.
WELCOME.

UGH!



THANK YOU
FOR JOINING
US.

I THOUGHT...
THOSE *MONSTERS*
WERE GOING TO
KILL ME.

THIS IS A
BUSINESS MEETING.
AND *BEBOP* AND
ROCKSTEADY ARE
NOTHING IF NOT
BUSINESSMEN.

WHAT...WHAT
SORT OF
BUSINESS?



THE ONLY
KIND THAT
MATTERS.

THE
BUSINESS
OF *POWER*.



MY NAME IS
OROKU KARAI,
AND LIKE MY FATHER
AND GRANDFATHER
BEFORE ME, I AM
JONIN OF--

*THE FOOT
CLAN*. ONE OF
THE WORLD'S MOST
POWERFUL *CRIMINAL
ENTERPRISES*.

I WORK IN
THE NEW YORK
PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE. I KNOW
WHO YOU ARE,
KARAI.



GOOD.
JUST AS I
KNOW YOU,
HIERONYMUS
HALE.

IT APPEARS
WE CAN SKIP
THE FORMAL
INTRODUCTIONS
AND GET RIGHT TO
THE REASON
YOU'RE HERE.

BRING
HIM IN.



WHO IS THAT?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?



IT'S THE MUTANT WHO MURDERED YOUR PARENTS.



HE MAY HAVE ELUDED YOUR POLICE, BUT MY NINJA ARE QUITE ANOTHER MATTER.

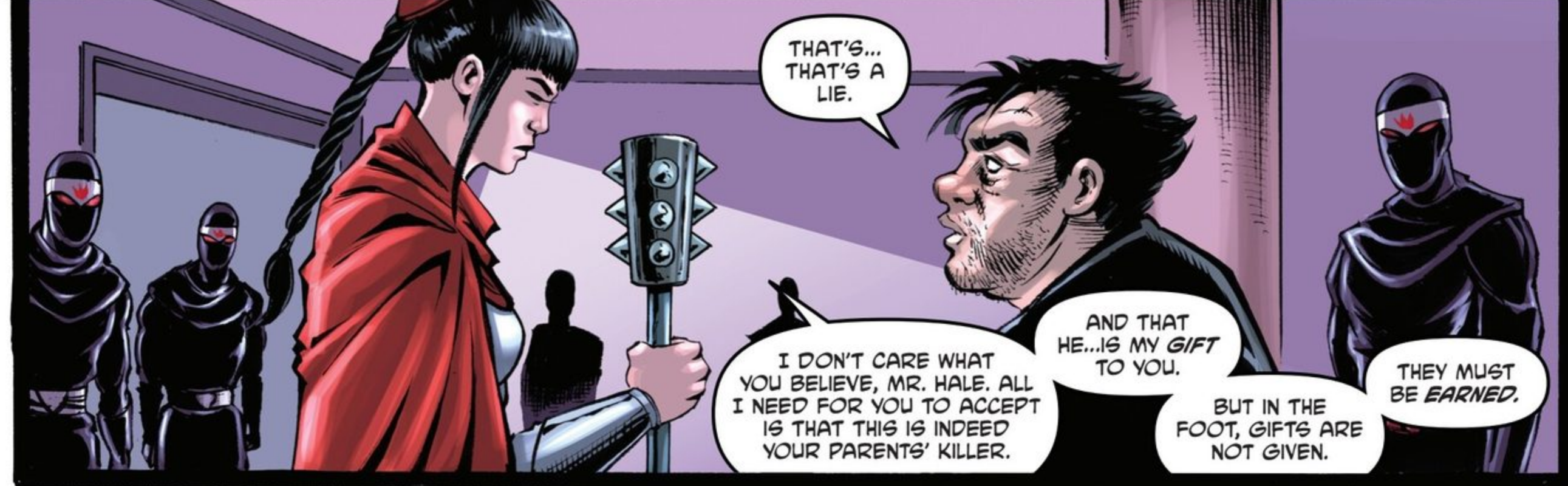
IT BARELY TOOK ANY BEATING AT ALL BEFORE HE CONFESSED.



HE SAYS HE WAS LOST, CONFUSED, NEWLY MUTATED.

HE WENT TO YOUR PARENTS' HOUSE BY CHANCE, LOOKING FOR HELP.

THEY ATTACKED HIM, HE SAYS, NO DOUBT STARTLED BY HIS FEARSOME APPEARANCE, AND HE SIMPLY DEFENDED HIMSELF.



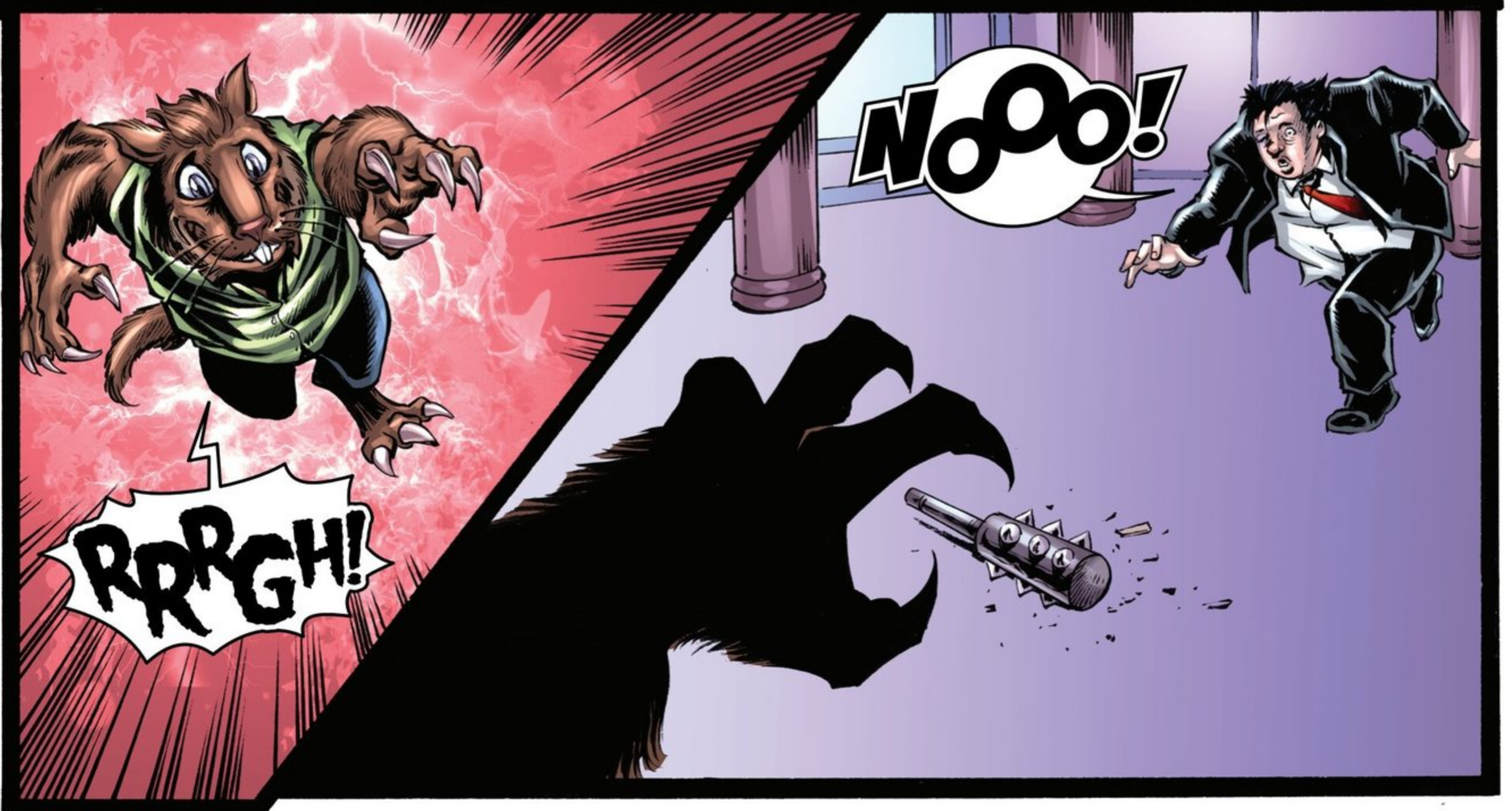
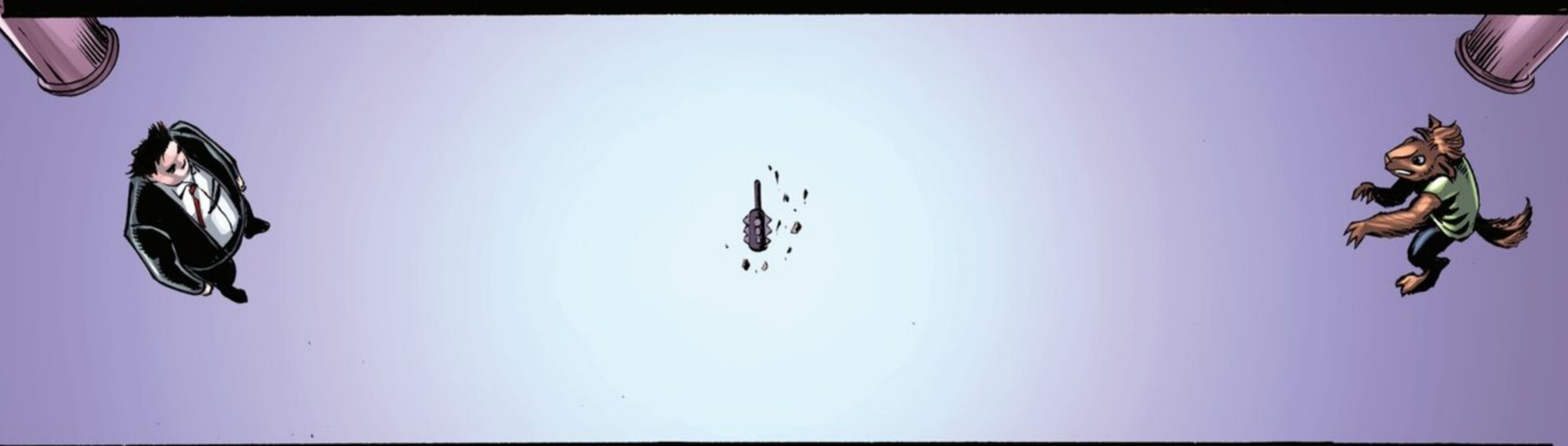
THAT'S... THAT'S A LIE.

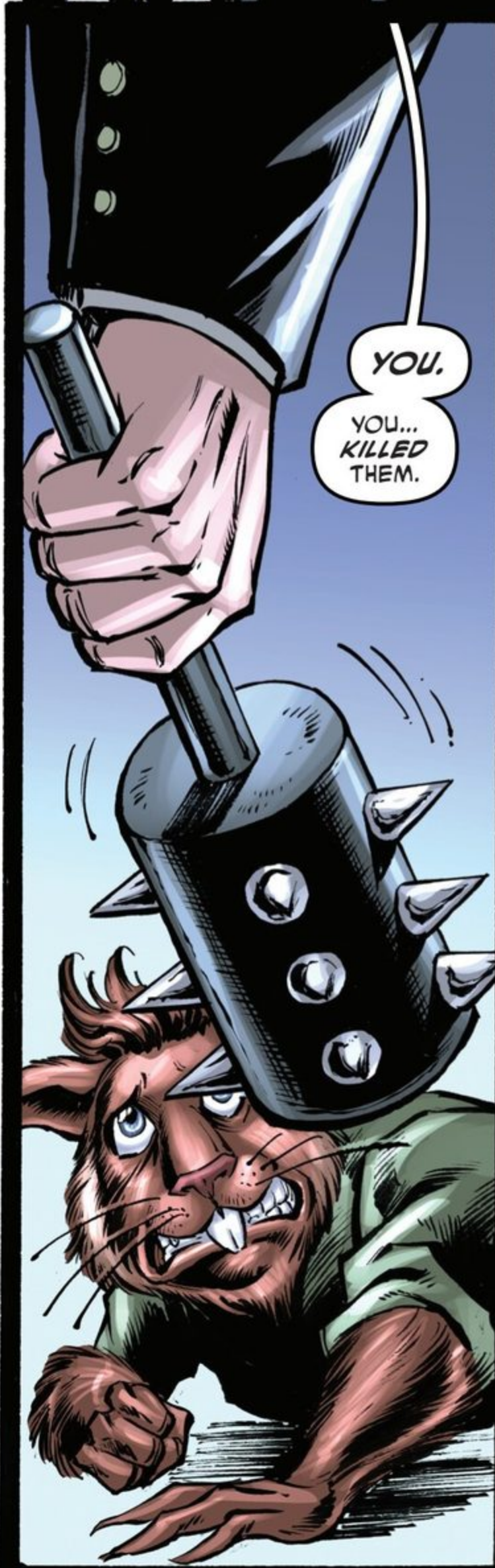
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU BELIEVE, MR. HALE. ALL I NEED FOR YOU TO ACCEPT IS THAT THIS IS INDEED YOUR PARENTS' KILLER.

AND THAT HE...IS MY GIFT TO YOU.

BUT IN THE FOOT, GIFTS ARE NOT GIVEN.

THEY MUST BE EARNED.







THAT'LL
BE ENOUGH,
MR. HALE.



MY GOD.
IF YOU
HADN'T...

YES, I
KNOW.

I WAS
ABOUT
TO...



AND SO WILL
EVERYONE
ELSE.



UNLESS YOU
DO EXACTLY
AS I SAY.

NO...I
WON'T
DO IT...

I'M AN HONEST
MAN! I'VE NEVER
BROKEN A LAW IN
MY LIFE! I WON'T
WORK FOR YOU,
KARAI!

OH, I WOULDN'T
DREAM OF
ASKING YOU TO
BREAK THE LAW,
MR. HALE.



I'M
ASKING
YOU TO
BE IT.

AND JUST LIKE THAT...
WHEN THE WORLD FINALLY
TURNED ITS FICKLE GAZE
UPON HIERONYMUS HALE...

...I WAS
READY.





YOU GET THE MESSAGE?

OR DO I GOTTA REPEAT MYSELF?



YEAH!!!
NOW WE'RE TALKING!!!

"I HEAR IT TOOK MORE THAN A DOZEN PATROLMEN TO BRING YOU DOWN."

"IMPRESSIVE."



"STUPID. BUT IMPRESSIVE."



THOUGH I ASSURE YOU, *CASEY JONES*, THAT SUCH LAWLESS VIGILANTISM AS YOU'VE DISPLAYED IN THE PAST WILL NO LONGER BE *TOLERATED* IN MY CITY.

YOUR CITY?!
YEAH, RIGHT!

YOU'RE JUST A *LAPDOG*, HALE! YOU THINK I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOUR LITTLE *NINJA COPS*?



I KNOW *FOOT CLAN* TRAINING WHEN I SEE IT!

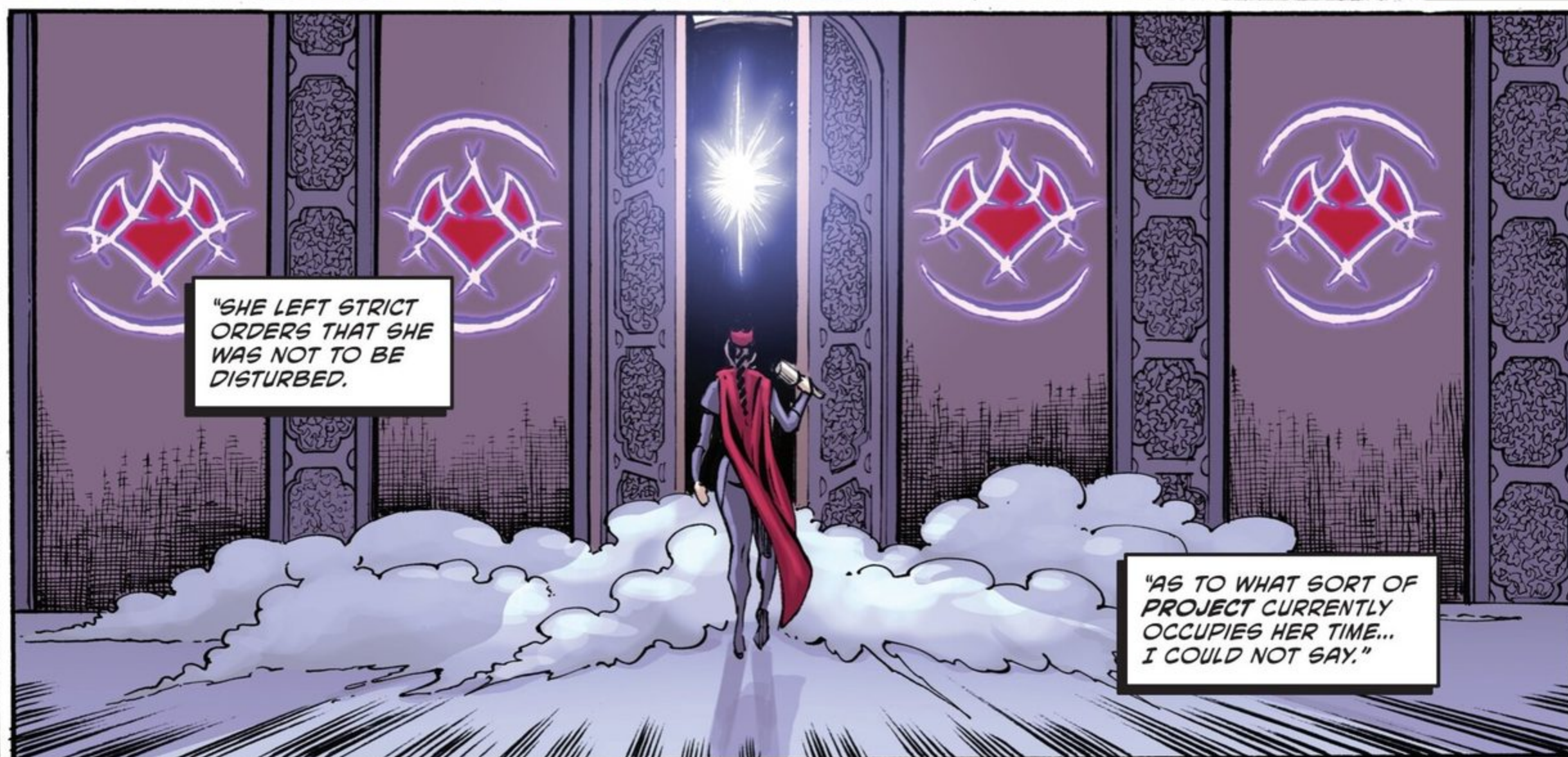
SO I WANNA TALK TO THE *REAL BOSS*!

WHERE'S *KARAI*?!
WHERE'S KARAI?!



EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE, I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'D LEAVE A *MUTANT-HATING* MADMAN LIKE YOU IN CHARGE OF HER *NINJA*!

HEH. *KARAI* IS...
INDISPOSED.



"SHE LEFT STRICT ORDERS THAT SHE WAS NOT TO BE DISTURBED."

"AS TO WHAT SORT OF PROJECT CURRENTLY OCCUPIES HER TIME... I COULD NOT SAY."

BUT BELIEVE ME, THE ONLY INTEREST I SERVE IS THAT OF THE *GOOD PEOPLE* OF NEW YORK. HOWEVER *FEW* OF US THERE ARE LEFT.

PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT THE FEAR OF BEING MURDERED IN THEIR HOMES BY *ANIMALS*.

PEOPLE WHO ARE TIRED OF BEING IGNORED.

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M *IGNORING* YOU, PAL?!

TELL THESE BUMS TO TURN ME LOOSE AND I'LL *SHOW* YOU!

YOU ARE A WEAK, SELF-LOATHING *AMOEB*A OF A MAN, JONES.

I'VE BEEN CALLED A LOT WORSE BY A WHOLE LOT TOUGHER! THAT ALL YOU GOT?!

OH, WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST...

I WILL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO *REDEEM* YOURSELF. THE SAME ONE I WAS GIVEN.

THERE'S NO MORE PLACE FOR MUTANT ENABLERS LIKE YOU IN THE FIVE BOROUGHS.

SIX! YOU CAN'T JUST ERASE *MUTANT TOWN!*

A CHANCE TO SHOW THE WORLD YOUR TRUE *WORTH*.

KLUNG



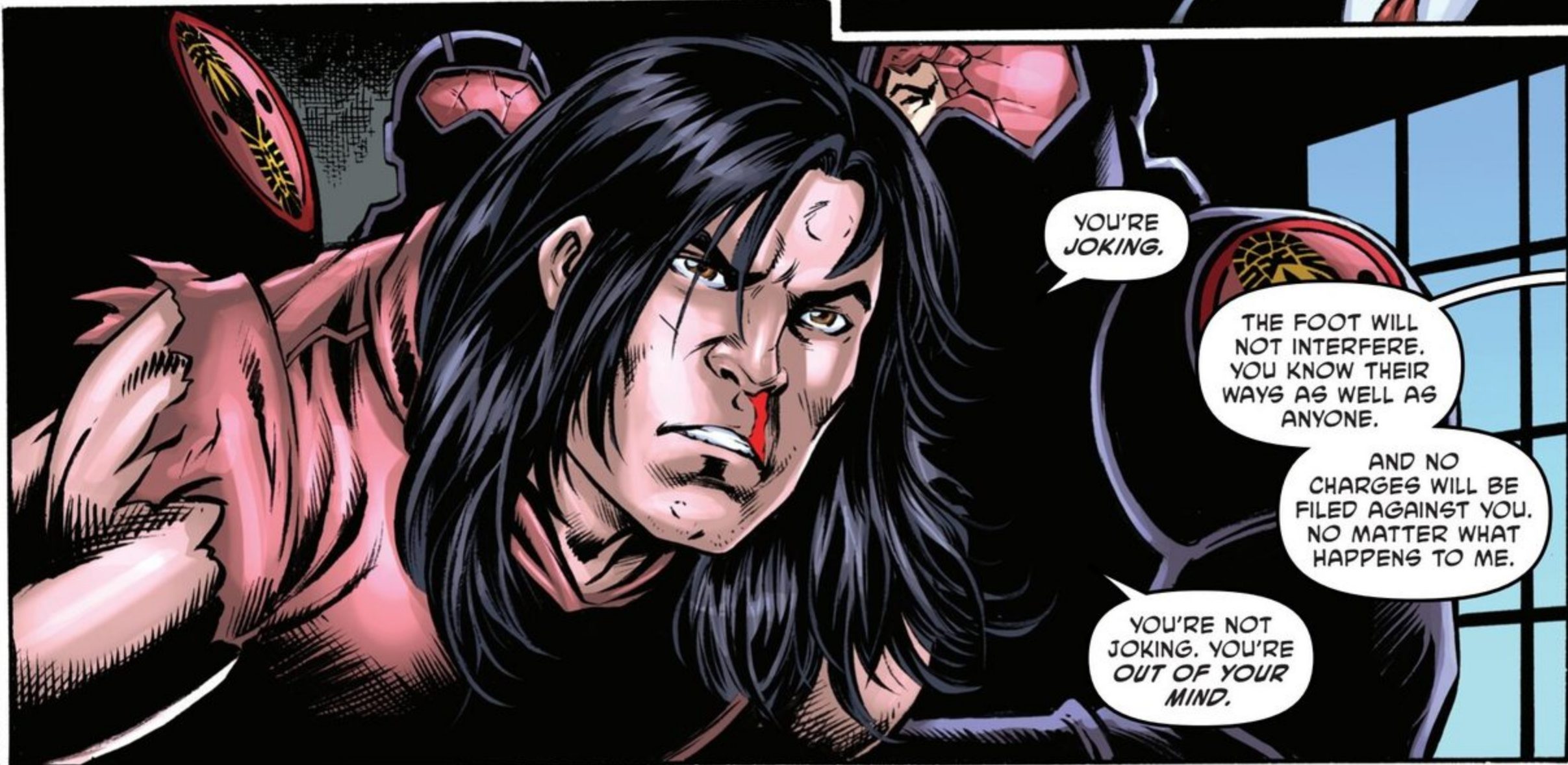
WHAT IS THIS?

WHEN I GIVE THE ORDER, THE PATROLMEN WILL RELEASE YOU.



AND THEN... THERE WILL JUST BE YOU AND ME, JONES.

AND THE MACE.



YOU'RE JOKING.

THE FOOT WILL NOT INTERFERE. YOU KNOW THEIR WAYS AS WELL AS ANYONE.

AND NO CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST YOU. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME.

YOU'RE NOT JOKING. YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.



WHAT I AM...IS A PROUD NEW YORKER WHO'S DETERMINED TO SEE THAT THE ANIMALS WITHIN THIS CITY STAY WHERE THEY BELONG. IN CAGES.

LET HIM GO.



MOTHER, FATHER...I'M FINALLY DOING IT.

THE WORK I WAS ALWAYS MEANT FOR.



IN SERVICE OF THIS UNGRATEFUL CITY. WHETHER IT LIKES IT OR NOT.



AND MORE IMPORTANTLY... IN YOUR BLESSED NAMES.



MY BENEFACTOR, KARAI...BEFORE SHE DISAPPEARED, SHE CHARGED ME WITH ONE OBJECTIVE.

TO SEE THAT THE ENEMIES OF THE FOOT CLAN WERE KEPT...OCCUPIED.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, SHE LEFT ME MY OWN CADRE OF HIGHLY TRAINED KILLERS.

ASSASSINS I'VE ALREADY SET TO WORK...ALL OVER THE WORLD.



BUT SOON, I WILL
HAVE AN EVEN
GREATER WEAPON
AT MY DISPOSAL.

THIS ENTIRE CITY.

A CITY REMADE
IN MY IMAGE.

FOR THE MUTANTS
OF CLAN HAMATO...

...A CITY OF DEATH.



I DO WONDER
SOMETIMES...WHAT YOU
MIGHT THINK OF ME. MY
BELOVED PARENTS...

I...I HAVE DONE
THINGS...

...I NEVER
THOUGHT
I COULD.



I WON MY OFFICE ONLY
AFTER MY OPPONENT
UNEXPECTEDLY...DROPPED
OUT OF THE RACE.



AND AS FOR
THE MUTANT
WHO KILLED
YOU...

...THE ONE KARAI
STOPPED ME
FROM MURDERING
IN COLD BLOOD...



WHAT IS THIS? WHY ARE
WE STOPPING OUT HERE?
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE
HEADED TO PRISON
UPSTATE.

I...I WANNA
TALK TO A
LAWYER!



DON'T
WORRY
THEN.

OH
NO.

WHERE
YOU'RE
HEADED...



...THERE'LL
BE PLENTY
TO CHOOSE
FROM!

I WONDER, MOTHER
AND FATHER...HOW
YOU WOULD FEEL
ABOUT WHAT I'VE
DONE...AND...



...WHAT I STILL
MUST DO.

OKAY! I
GOT IT!



I WON YOUR STUPID GAME,
HALE. SO ENOUGH OF THIS
CRAZINESS. I'M WALKING
OUT OF HERE!

OR I
PROMISE YOU,
I WILL...I WILL
USE THIS ON
SOMEONE!



BUT I DON'T REALLY
EVER WONDER TOO
HARD, DO I?

BECAUSE AT THE END
OF THE DAY, MOM AND
DAD, I KNOW, IN MY
HEART OF HEARTS, THAT
YOU'RE BOTH LOOKING
DOWN ON ME NOW...



...AND BEAMING
WITH PRIDE.

DAMN IT,
HALE, DON'T
YOU MAKE
ME--

AT WHAT YOUR BOY
HAS BECOME.

MY NAME IS
HIERONYMUS HALE.

THE KING OF
NEW YORK.

TO BE CONTINUED...!

NINJA TURTLES



A NEW VILLAIN EMERGES AND CASEY JONES' FATE IS UNCERTAIN!

ARE THE TMNT READY FOR WHAT AWAITS THEM IN NEW YORK CITY?

I just want to say,

I grew up a Turtles fan my whole life with the cartoons, toys, and movies. As I got older I read the original comics and when I saw IDW was ending the run I couldn't put down an issue of the 150-issue run. It was by far my favorite as well as my 5-year-old daughter, who I have gotten into the Ninja Turtle fandom. She was sad to see the run end and when we heard a new comic run was coming we could not wait to read the Raphael issue and now Michelangelo (these were my two favorites). We couldn't put them down. We are excited to see where this will go because you guys started with a bang and we know Leonardo will be amazing as well. She is especially excited for her favorite Turtle, Donatello's, issue. Thank you for the great stories and memories and we can't wait to see where you take our favorite ninja brothers next.

I'm VERY glad that the supporting cast isn't being neglected or shoved aside in the accompanying titles as well.

Your fans,
Jonathan and Olivia

P.S. It would make her day to see this in an upcoming issue.

It's so wonderful to hear from a father-daughter duo that's read the full IDW run together! The TMNT have always been about family. Maybe someday Olivia will write in herself. Until then, enjoy catching up with Donatello...

Dear Turtle Team,

I've enjoyed TMNT for as long as I can remember and when I was a young boy growing up in Sweden, I mostly got to enjoy our green heroes through toys, cartoons and movies. I got glimpses of a comic when visiting friends but it was never something I got to truly experience until I visited New York in 2011 and I walked into a comic book store for the first time. As I entered the shop, the thing that caught my attention was the "highlight of the week" displayed by the counter, which just so happened to be the very first issue of the IDW iteration of the TMNT. I immediately bought it and it's been a shell of a good time ever since. It's been amazing to get to tag along for 150 issues (13 years!) and to now witness a new beginning with a new creative team... I mean what can I say other than COWABUNGA!

I just finished reading #3 and I'm really loving the return to a darker tone, fights against the Foot Clan, the brothers feeling a bit older and experienced, the lingering mystery of what has happened since issue 150, and of course THE ART! Thanks for making it a thrill to read TMNT comics.

That's it for me now. Keep up the good work and I look forward to what you have in store for us.

Regards,
Kaide Gonzalez
Sweden

WOW, Kaide, it's so lucky you were in NYC just as TMNT #1 came out! We're so happy to know you stuck around and are back for the new #1. Everyone has a different story of how they got into the Turtles and found their way to the comics. If you've liked the art so far, we guarantee you'll love what Juan Ferreyra has in store next month!

Hey Turtle Team,

I just got done reading issue 3 and it's been my favorite so far. I'm really excited to see where Donnie is and the artwork for issue 4. This series is becoming one of my favorites and I can't wait to see what's next for the Turtles!

I've also begun the fun, but huge, task to read all of the previous TMNT runs. Having heard what happens to Master Splinter, I've become deeply invested in the series. Thank heavens all the hardcover collections are available and at such an economical price, making collecting over 15 volumes achievable for me! The quality and everything about the hardcovers has been spectacular—I can't wait to read all the way to issue #150!

Robert
Vincennes, Indiana

Thanks for writing in, Robert! We love hearing everyone's favorite issue so far because, quite frankly...we can't pick! Joëlle, Rafa, Cliff, Chris, and Darick have all put forth some of the best work of their careers here. These Turtles make for some great muses!

That's it for letters this month! Next month, Jason and new series artist Juan Ferreyra bring the Turtles home to NYC. And now that the bros are together again, surely nothing can go wrong, right? RIGHT?!

—TMNT Editorial

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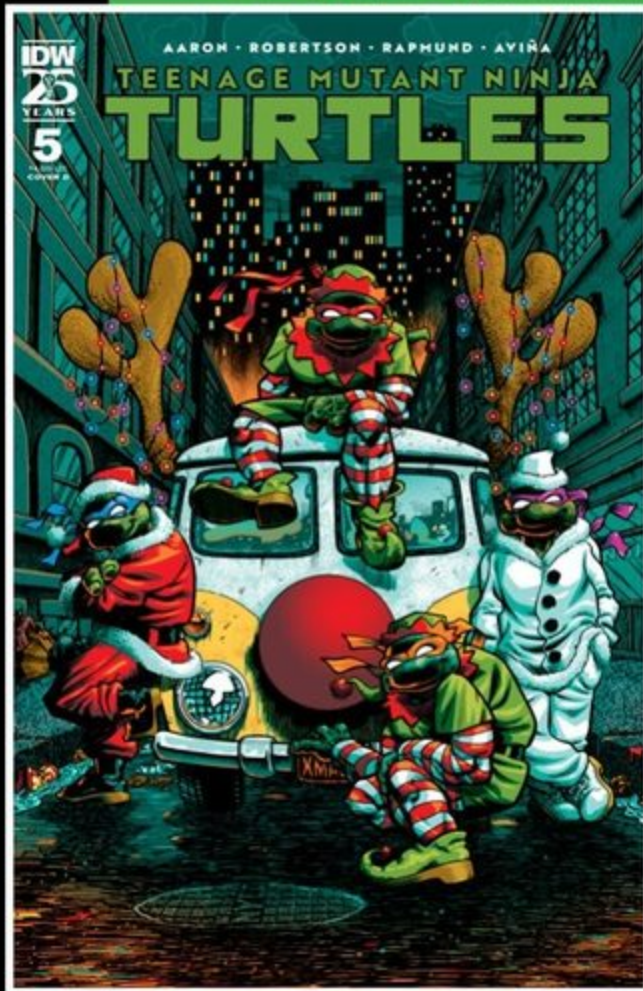
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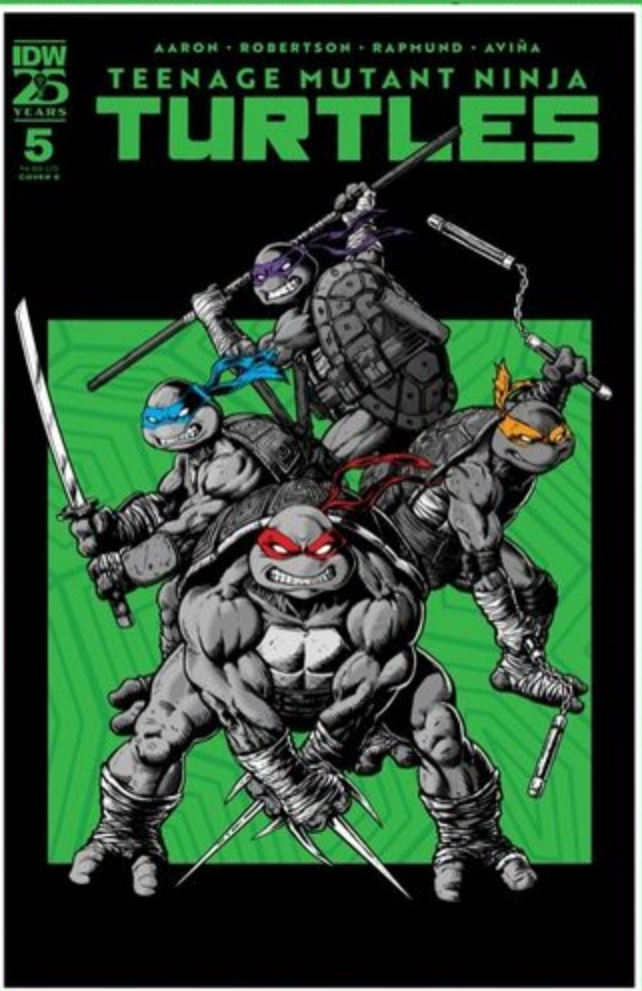
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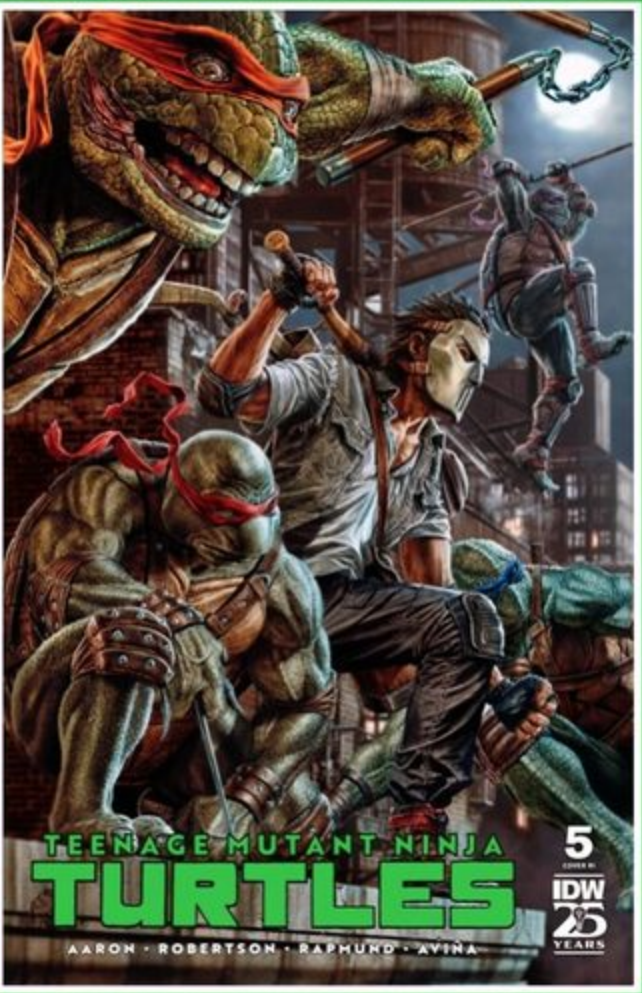
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of, had you dared!

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a Half Shell meet the
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everyone will be
talking about.

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As the sun sets on IDW's **25th anniversary celebration**, you'd better get used to the dark as we enter a new era of terrifying storytelling...

After a quarter century of cutting our teeth as one of the premier horror publishers, we're proud to introduce the new imprint **IDW DARK** in 2025 as your one-stop shop for the most disturbing genre comics on the shelves. If you feel like the world is more terrifying than ever before and you're unnerved to discover you can't get enough of it, you'll be right at home with the nightmare fuel we have on tap.

First, **IDW DARK** has partnered with **Paramount** to tell ambitious new stories spinning out of blockbuster franchises like *A Quiet Place* and *Smile*. We're also expanding on fan favorites like the deep-space cult-classic bloodbath *Event Horizon* and Gothic romance *Sleepy Hollow*, plus we'll share new tales from *The Twilight Zone*.

We're honoring our own roots with IDW legacy sequels as well, including *Steve Niles* and *Rodney Barnes'*

30 Days of Night: Falling Sun, which forces new characters to navigate the—ahem—biting cold in a hair-raising homecoming to Barrow, Alaska. Plus—you asked for it, you twisted souls—hibernation is over when Patrick Horvath's breakout hit *Beneath the Trees Where Nobody Sees* returns with the next chapter in murder-bear Samantha Strong's sick saga. (Isn't it incredible what you can get away with if you do it in pastel flannel? Take notes.)

You should know we're sitting on a few secrets, too. Let's just say no subgenre is safe, and we've got our finger on the pulse of readers' darkest desires as we hunt down the next generation of all-new original horror comics.

There you have it—no half-measures here. **IDW DARK** is a celebration of the horror in our blood and the meat on our bones. Start working up the guts to join us.

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